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SUBJECT: LIMITED LEBANESE COVERAGE IN CAIRO DAILIES

1. ACCOUNTS OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUS NOMINATION OF SADAT
(IN FACE OF CHALLENGE MOUNTED BY 14 OTHER UNNAMED "CANDIDATES")
VIRTUALLY PUSHED LEBANON OFF FRONT PAGES OF AUGUST 26 CAIRO
DAILIES. IN A MIXED BAG OF BRIEF REPORTS:

2. FRANJIYA AND CHAMOUN COMPLAIN. AHRAM REPORT FROM BEIRUT
CLAIMS FRANJIYA AND CHAMOUN ARE DISCUSSING COMPLAINT TO UN
AGAINST PLO'S "VIOLATION OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY".

3. ARAB LEAGUE TRYING. AL REP AL-KHULI REPORTEDLY IN PROCESS
OF MEETING WITH LEFT, RIGHT AND PALESTINIANS IN BEIRUT ON
POSSIBILITY OF CEASEFIRE. ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE GAZETTE
CARRIED DESCRIPTION BY LEADER OF LEBANESE NASSERITES, IBRAHIM
KULAYLAT, OF AL PEACE EFFORTS AS "THEATRICAL". NO HARD PRESS
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NEWS ON SUMMIT WITH EXCEPTION OF MAURITANIAN OFFICIAL APPRO-

VAL (SEPTEL). COMMENTS OF FAROUK QADDUMI IN KUWAIT ON POSSIBILITY THAT MINI-SUMMIT OF DIRECTLY INVOLVED ARAB STATES MAY BE CALLED IN PREPARATION FOR FULL SCALE CONFERENCE ON LEBANON WERE ALSO REPORTED. ACCORDING TO QADDUMI, DECISION ON HOW TO PROCEED EXPECTED TO BE MADE DURING REGULAR SESSION OF AL FONMINS SEPTEMBER 4.

4. PALESTINIANS IN DISCORD. ACCORDING TO NEWS AGENCY REPORT FROM BEIRUT, SPLIT HAS TAKEN PLACE AMONG LEADERSHIP OF PFLP (GENERAL COMMAND) HEADED BY AHMED JABRIL OVER HIS ALLEGED COLLUSION WITH SYRIA. HE ACCUSED OF WITHDRAWAL OF PFLP (GC) FORCES FROM BEIRUT HOTEL AREAS AT SYRIAN COMMAND BY ABU AL-ABBAS, WHO HAS REPORTEDLY CALLED A CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS JABRIL'S DISMISSAL.

5. SYRIA WAS FORCED TO SHARE SPACE IN SAME EDITORIAL WITH LIBYA FOR ITS DAILY RATION OF PRESS CASTIGATION. ASAD'S "ALLIANCE WITH ISRAEL" AND AIM OF BREAKING OUT OF CONFINES OF "NATURALLY SMALL ROLE" LEADING TO HIS INEVITABLE DOWNFALL.
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